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SUBJECT: VISIT OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA VICE-PRESIDENT

1. THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. DR. YEN CHIA-KAN, CONCLUDED HIS 3-DAY VISIT TO GUATEMALA AUGUST 29. DURING THE GOOD-WILL VISIT VICE-PRESIDENT YEN MET WITH PRESIDENT ARANA, VICE-PRESIDENT CACERES, CONGRESSIONAL DEPUTIES AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL CHINESE COMMUNITY. AT A BANQUET GIVEN IN HONOR OF CACERES THE CHINESE VICE-PRESIDENT COMMENDED THE "FIRM ANTI-TOTALITARIAN POSITION" OF THE ARANA GOVERNMENT AND THANKED GUATEMALA FOR ITS COOPERATION, "ESPECIALLY IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD".

2. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED AUGUST 29 BY YEN AND CACERES CONFIRMED THE "TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND REFERRED TO A STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT ARANA THAT "THE GUATEMLAN GOVERNMENT WILL MAINTAIN UNCHANGED ITS POLITICAL POSITION IN SUPPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA." THE TWO COUNTRIES EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO EXPAND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. VICE-PRESIDENT YEN SPECIFICALLY OFFERED SCHOLARSHIPS IN TECHNICAL FIELDS TO GUATEMALAN STUDENTS. IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIELD OF COMMERCIAL POLICY, THE TWGACOUNTRIES AGREED TO

INCREASE COOPERATION IN THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL

PRODUCTS.

3. COMMENT: ARANA'S STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN COMMUNIQUE
IS EVIDENCE THAT VICE-PRESIDENT YEN WAS SUCCESSFUL IN
THE PRESUMED PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT--TO MAINTAIN
GUATEMALA'S SUPPORT FOR TAIPEI.
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